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# Tornado strikes Ho-Chunk community

## No injuries reported

John Kozlowicz  
Staff Writer

A late afternoon tornado that struck the Dells Dam community (Town of Dewhurst) on July 14 left 12 Ho-Chunk families with a first-hand view of how destructive Mother Nature can be.

Members of the 12 families living on tribal trust property about 20 miles from Black River Falls either experienced or witnessed after the fact the effects of what the National Weather Service later classified as an EF1 Tornado, capable of reaching wind speeds of 73-122 mph. Although throughout the area roads were blocked and trees were uprooted and the homes were without power, no one in the Ho-Chunk community was injured or reported significant structural property damage. NOTE: Some homes in the area did receive significant damage.

Under clear blue skies the following morning crews of workers from

throughout the Ho-Chunk Nation helped residents clean up the damage and clear their driveways. Ho-Chunk crews spent the majority of the time working on tribal lands but did contribute time to the Town of Dewhurst. While some of the properties were relatively unaffected, the property of Kunu Helgesen felt the brunt of the storm.

Home when the tornado hit, Kunu said the sound "was like a freight train with fireworks." The added sound of the snapping trees and branches made the experience surreal, he added. When the storm cleared, he realized his entire driveway, nearly one mile from the main road, was completely blocked as he crawled and climbed his way to the main road. Recalling that the tornado lasted "maybe a couple of minutes," he added that he never really felt in danger and that in retrospect the experience "was kind of neat."

Also home when the storm hit was elder Myrle Thompson, who watched the trees sway while looking out her window. "I'm not afraid of storms," she said, recalling that nearly 30 years ago a funnel with strong winds came through the area.



The force of the winds tore the tops off area trees.

Damage around her home was limited to a fallen tree about 50 feet away.

Ben and Lani Blackdeer noted although their home was not directly struck, fallen trees surrounded their home and driveway. "We chain sawed our way to the road," Lani said.

Ho-Chunk Nation Forester Mark Gawron explained that most of the larger trees will likely be left where they landed. Arrangements were made to take the smaller branches and brush to a drop off site established in the area.

During the cleanup various branches of the Ho-Chunk Nation government joined

individuals in arranging that food and water was provided for both the residents and the cleanup crews. Resident Hinu Smith stated that while the storm did cause damage, it did bring people together. "I was amazed at how quickly some of the roads were cleared," she said. All driveways were cleared by Thursday afternoon. Some residents had their power restored that afternoon. Others were without power until Friday afternoon.

### Lessons learned

Like often happens, how people reacted to the tornado provided a good learning experience for emergency personnel and others who worked at the scene.

Meeting on July 20, the Ho-Chunk Nation Storm Response Team held an After Action Response Meeting. Along with listing what went well, the team evaluated what could have been done better. They also suggested what improvements could be made to better utilize personnel and equipment when another disaster strikes a Ho-Chunk community.

### What went well

- Assignments were made and people were doing their jobs.

- Housing and the DNR workers had the appropriate Personnel Protective Equipment (PPE).
- Incident Command (IC) was implemented effectively.
- Level of skill among heavy equipment and DNR crews was impressive.
- Dispatch was done efficiently, appropriate phone

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Workers from throughout the Ho-Chunk Nation helped area residents cleanup their property.

# Andrew Blackhawk Auxiliary Unit #129

## Care package items list July 2010

We have finally received enough A.P.O.'s and sent out our first batch of care packages and we will be working on making another batch. If you know a Ho-Chunk member in the Armed Forces, please send in their name & APO to the Andrew Blackhawk Legion Building and we will get the care package out asap. If you would like to send other things in the pack, pictures or toys, we can do that too. You can also send a personal letter, thanking the Warrior for their services. Most of the care package items are individual servings

and must be packaged, no chocolate due to the heat, and please look at the expiration dates before making the donation. It's great to receive a care pack once a year and even better to get another with a personal message to know that we are thinking of them. So we will be rotating the names we have. The items we have sent are:

**Drink Mixes** – coffee singles, kool-aid singles, and various tea singles.

**Food** – Ramen noodles, tuna salad vac paks, sardines, beef stixs, anything canned and EZ to open is great.

**Snacks** – Trail mix packs, rice krispy treats, granola bars, energy bars, pringle singles, cheese & crackers paks, pretzel stixs, small box of Oreos, small containers of seasoning salts, garlic salt, pepper and hot sauces.

**Candies** – any kind of gum, Jolly Ranchers, Werthers, Butterscotch discs and any hard candies.

**Personal Items** – AA and AAA batteries, a vial of Tylenol, aftershave lotion, insoles, shampoo, foot powder and foot lotion. Eye drops, Carmex, Wet ones, Wisp or small tooth paste, mouth

wash, floss, toothbrush, socks and T-shirts, hand warmers and mole skin.

**Entertainment** – nerf football, hacky sacs, rubber ball, tennis ball, dice, deck of cards, any game paperback books like crossword or Sudoku, toys cars or small toys, and phone cards.

The feedback I have received is that they get dry feet from the conditions and some services don't serve condiments for the MRE's, like hot sauces or ketchup and mustard.

I have heard a story where a kid had turned in a grenade to a soldier, who then gave him a toy. So I thought the more toys we send maybe the more ammo might get turned in. It was just a theory and I don't know if it will work yet. All of these items can be purchased at Wal-Mart, any and all donations are welcomed.

Sincerely,  
Henrietta Funmaker  
Andrew Blackhawk  
Auxiliary Unit #129  
2010-11 President

## Headlines of years past

*What was in the news five, 10 and 15 years ago*

John Kozlowski  
Staff Writer  
1995

Because leading vote getter Chloris Lowe, Jr. did not receive a 50 percent + one majority vote in the June Presidential Election, the Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board orders a Special Election to be held on August 15. Lowe will face JoAnn Jones.

2000

Enrolled Ho-Chunk Nation members when

presenting a valid Tribal ID card, will be exempt from paying Wisconsin's state gasoline tax when purchasing fuel at the Nation's convenience stores in Black River Falls, Tomah, Baraboo and Wittenberg.

2005

Wisconsin Governor James Doyle signs State-Tribal Consultation Policies designed to improve the relationship between state government and Wisconsin's 11 sovereign tribes. Doyle stated the agreement

## Hocak Worak Address Verfications

The Hocak Worak needs your help! If anyone has a change of address, first contact enrollment at 800-294-9343 at ext. 1015 and secondly, call the Hocak Worak at ext. 1006 once changes have been made with enrollment.


Courtney Gruett-Funmaker  
Phyllis Bigsoldier  
Darlene White Bear

Owen Cloud Jr.  
Joshua Mitch

Morgan Mallory  
Robert Mobley

If your name is on this list, your Hocak Worak Newsletter is being returned to us. We are in need of your new address. Remember the first and second step!

Thank you, Hocak Worak Staff



### August Elders Birthdays

1 Gary Climer	16 Charlie Youngthunder
2 Diane Lonetree	Kathryn Brown
3 John Edwards	17 Rebecca Greendeer
5 John Greengrass	19 Louis Costello
Bernadine Wanty	20 Anna Funmaker
6 Paul Cloud	22 William Kirkwood
Martina Littlewolf	Quentin Thundercloud
Muriel Whiteagle	23 Sherry Dalton
7 Robert Kirkwood	Owen Mike
8 Kelly Decorah	William Browne
Vicki Johnson	24 Sharon Green
Lawrence Thundercloud	Richard Mann
9 Ben Hopinkah	Lenore Sweet
10 Rowland Rave	26 Sharon Prusia
Hope Smith	27 Curtis Blackdeer
Esther Youngthunder	Joyce Brockhaus
Alberta Starnes	Darlene Denny
11 Selina Joshua	Jacob Green
Vivena Lemieux	28 Jeanette Whitewing
12 Paul Cassiman	29 Milnor Blackcoon
14 Wayne Funmaker	Harold Kirkwood
15 Gladys Ebata	Gordon Thunder
16 Kathryn Brown	31 Joseph Lonetree

### Issue 13 Corrections:

The Redcloud family was unmentioned in the Mitchell Redcloud Traditional Pow-wow article but they are also a huge sponsor for the annual 4th of July pow-wow.

Bunny McGee was presented a check under the caption in Giving back to the community article, not Bunny McGee.

CORRECTION

Happy Belated 75th Birthday to  
**Mona Garthune**

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June Elder birthday list.



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# Time to think about the Dam Challenge!

Submitted By

Kathleen Clemons, Exercise Physiologist

This year the Dam Challenge will be held on Saturday, October 2nd in the Kickapoo Valley Reserve. This event consists of a 7 mile canoe or kayak down the Kickapoo River, a 14 mile bike ride and a 3 mile run. This is a fun and challenging event and is sponsored in part by the Ho-Chunk Nation.

Participants can either enter the solo or individual division (completes all 3 legs) or can do a 2 person or 4 person relay. If you have never done the event before trying the team approach may be your best option. You can find registration information on [www.kvr.state.wi.us](http://www.kvr.state.wi.us); look to the left and you will see where you can click on the Dam Challenge.

Hope to see you out there. Training plans are available so give me a call if you would like one! You need a couple months to train for this event. 715-685-4422, ext 5308.

## Ho-Chunk Health Care Center in Black River Falls

### Diabetes Learning Circle

August 2010

Date	Topic
August 5	What is Neuropathy?
August 19	To Be Announced

The Diabetes Learning Circle is a morning presentation and breakfast designed to provide people with information regarding diabetes prevention and management. Anyone is welcome to attend but we ask that you register for a seat.

The program is from 8:30- 9:15 each scheduled day in the Ho-Chunk Health Care Center Conference Classroom. A nutritious breakfast is served during the program. (Topics are subject to change).

For more information or to register contact:

Kathy Braaten, Community Health Nutritionist, 715-284-9851 ext. 5335

# HCN INDIAN CORN

## DNR HAS PLANTED CORN FOR TRIBAL MEMBERS TO TEND, MONITOR, AND HARVEST.

All fields will be clearly marked with a sign and flagging tape.

### -Melrose ("Parmenter Property") ~1 acre

Located Northwest of Melrose on County Road D, 5.25 miles West of State Highway 54. Field is south of the road.

### -Baraboo ("Parcel 6") ~4 acres

Across US Highway 12 from Ho-Chunk C-Store, turn West onto "Co-op Lane" turn right into the first driveway. Drive East around the building and continue North for about another 300 feet.

### -Wyeville ("Shaw Property") ~5 acres

At the intersection of State Highways 21 & 173, turn South onto County Highway N for 1.25 miles. Turn East onto Evergreen Ave for about 0.5 miles. Corn will be on the North side.

Check our Website!

[www.ho-chunknation.com](http://www.ho-chunknation.com)

Under Government/Executive  
/Heritage Preservation/DNR

We distributed over 100 packets of Indian Corn for personal use to Tribal Members!

Wishing you a successful growing season!

Questions? Contact HCN DNR @ 715-284-2852

## 11TH ANNUAL BROWN FAMILY REUNION

Saturday and Sunday, August 14th and 15th, 2010  
Blackhawk Park, Desoto, Wisconsin

Blackhawk Park is located about four miles North of Desoto, Wisconsin on Highway 35 going towards La Crosse on your left or about twenty-four miles South of La Crosse on Highway 35 going towards Desoto on your right.

For more information contact: Mike Goze: 1-612-709-5634 • Phyllis Tutor: 1-715-682-8192

When you read this notice, please notify anyone else who doesn't know about the reunion. Hope to see all that can make it.

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# District Five first annual picnic in the park

Waverly Bird  
Youth Worker

Members of District 5 from the St. Paul, Minnesota community, held its first annual picnic at the Cherokee Park in St. Paul, Minnesota on July 15, 2010. Approximately 27 tribal members from young to old participated and enjoyed a lot of visiting, teasing, and laughing. With severe thunderstorms the night before the day still turned out to be perfect.

Legislator's Greg Littlejohn, Kathyeleen Whiterabbit, Patrick Redeagle, and Robert



Legislator Patrick Redeagle talking about the tax code.

Two bears representing District 5 spoke on topics such as: Legislative Happenings from the prior month, the long-awaited Confirmation of Ethics Review Board Members, the tax code, separation between the department of Health and Social Services confirming the Administration committee has approved all job descriptions for that separation, and the financial update of the Ho-Chunk Nation.

Stephanie Yellowbank, Administrative Assistant at the Tribal Office Building in St. Paul, was one of many who helped coordinate the picnic and said, "It was interesting and hard to scope out the areas since there were other



Ronda Hunt and her niece Ahanhogaa Ikwe (Starlight Woman) Hunt visiting after the 1st annual meeting.

places that had been in mind." She also mentioned because there were already three individuals in charge of buying the food, it was hard because they all had something else in mind so they just bought the usual hot dogs, hamburgers, chips, soda, and salads.

On the other hand, Alicia Miner, thought there was not going to be enough food and didn't like the thought of not being able to feed everyone. She stressed that there is not a lot of notification for all Area 5 members for different events but because she attends every area (District 5) meeting, she knows about what upcoming events that are going to take place and would like more involvement in the area.

Some of the tribal members who attended the picnic said they have lived in the area for more than twenty years, like Debbie Badboy, who said with a chuckle, "I met my husband 22 years ago and I love Minnesota because you get to ride the train and buses and get to see things you don't get to see in the country." Another resident, stated he was born and raised in the St. Paul area and said he really didn't get to have a choice if he wanted to live in Minnesota or not.

Overall, the first annual picnic



Legislator Greg Littlejohn getting his hands dirty while cooking chicken, hamburgers and hot dogs for everyone.

had achieved its goal, with plenty of food for everyone, a special visit from President Wilfrid Cleveland who said a few words before the meal,

and a cake to satisfy every sweet tooth. There was also a lot of discussion on what changes the area would like to see in the future.



Area members enjoy the first annual picnic at the Cherokee Park in St. Paul, Minnesota.

## Employees of the Ho-Chunk Nation are eligible for a 15% discount on their personal US Cellular plan

Jess Lozano – Ho-Chunk Nation Information Technology Division

The 15% discount is monthly and is off of their voice access only, on Single line plans \$49.99 ...and higher (i.e. \$49.99 rate will be \$42.49 per month) or Family Plans of \$69.99 and higher.

Employees, that have an email account with the Nation and an account with US Cellular, can go directly to the website and register, the site is [www.uscellular.com/partner](http://www.uscellular.com/partner). for the discount (this is a One Time registry). You will receive a confirmation email from US Cellular if you qual-

ify for the discount. If an employee has a new cellular activation with US Cellular, once your account set up in the retail store, the employee will just need their Ho-Chunk Nation email address and cell number, then follow the instructions above.

If you are an employee and

meet the qualifications, but do not have an email address with the Nation, please contact Tanya Potter (x1074) or Jess Lozano (x1072) in the IT Dept for further instructions. Employees will be eligible for any active equipment deal that is out there for consumers.

The discount usually takes about a week to become active on the personal account that is set up.

This discount is strictly for employees of the Ho-Chunk Nation.



# General Council Agency position paper on four-year baccalaureate degree requirement

Submitted by  
General Council Agency

In response to tribal member concerns we wanted to make the Agency's position clear on the Four-Year Baccalaureate Degree Requirement. The Ho-Chunk Nation passed Amendment D to the Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution which amended Article V, Section 7 of the Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution on January 30, 2009. The amendment was effective June 20, 2009. The amendment states in relevant part, Members of the Legislature shall be at least twenty-five (25) years old and eligible to vote, "and shall possess a four-year baccalaureate degree conferred by an accredited institution of higher education." Many members of the Ho-Chunk Nation have approached General Council agents questioning why General Council Agency has not taken action to implement the four-year degree requirement. The General Council Agency is an administrative arm of General Council. General Council Agency has no authority to act independently without the approval and express authorization of General Council. See Article IV, Sections 1, 2 and 3 of the Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution. In order for General Council Agency to have the authority to take any action, to remove or recall a legislator for not having a four-year degree requirement, the Agency would have to have a resolution authorizing such action from General Council.

Further, the Agency requires express language in the Resolution stating it would apply to currently elected Legislators and that a Special General Council must be called to remove any

Legislators affected by the Resolution. This Resolution is silent regarding its effective date. There is also a legal prohibition against any resolution that retroactively amends the requirements to be a legislator. Absent the express language in the Resolution that plainly states when the resolution is effective, and the constitutional concerns about retroactive legislation, the Agency cannot take any enforcement action.

Presumably, in the present case, the Amendment would be enforced by the Election Board the next time the legislator ran for elected office. The Board would be required to certify the candidate for legislative office. Thus, if a candidate lacked a four-year degree, then that candidate would likely be unable to serve as a legislator.

General Council Agency also lacks authority to remove or recall any elected official because the Constitu-

tion in Article IX provides the express manner in which elected officials may be removed by the Nation. Under Sections 2 and 3 respectively the President and Legislators may be removed for good cause, but this is only after they've been given reasonable notice of the impending action and had an opportunity to be heard. The only way notice and an opportunity can be heard may be provided is through the actual General Council meeting. The next General Council is scheduled for September 18, 2010, until General Council takes place and a proper hearing can occur General Council Agency lacks any authority to take any action independently regarding the four-year baccalaureate degree requirement.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding any actions or inaction on the part of General Council

Agency we invite you to attend a General Council Agency meeting to discuss the matter further. Our meetings are open to the public and all members of the Ho-Chunk Nation are welcome.

**Footnote:** Approved and drafted by John Swimmer. **MOTION** by Milly for the GCA office to submit the position paper regarding four year degree written, approved and reviewed by the GCA Attorney John Swimmer for the July 30th, 2010, Worak edition. Second by Rosetta. 7-0-0 **Motion Carried.** This motion was made at the GCA Regular meeting held on July 17th, 2010.

## Ho-Chunk Nation General Council Agency Office



**This letter is for the purpose of clearing up once and for all any misconceptions still lingering out there regarding signature authority over the General Council and General Council Agency's budget.**

According to the Constitution of the Ho-Chunk Nation, **Article III, Section 2: Branches of Government.** The government of the Ho-Chunk Nation shall be composed of **four (4)** branches: General Council, Legislature, Executive and Judiciary.

As of December 3, 2009 The Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature recognized the **General Council Agency** as the people's representative of the General Council Branch of the Ho-Chunk Nation government by adopting for them their very own budget, this for the first time in the history of the Ho-Chunk Nation. This step was taken in an effort to further clarify and enforce the Ho-Chunk nation's Constitution **Article V, Section 3**, that; "no branch of government shall exercise the powers of functions delegated to another branch." Prior to December 3, 2010, The Department of Justice had been supervising the General Council Branch's budget and administrative personnel.

According to the HCN- General Council Agency By-Laws adopted by Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature September 12, 2009, **Article Four, Section 2, B**; "The Chair shall have such responsibilities that are necessary to carry out the function of the GCA including the authority to delegate duties to Agents and selected ad hoc committee members."

It is with this authority, I hereby delegate signature authority to the GCA –Treasurer, with the GCA Vice-Chair as an alternate for signing formal business forms, and supervision authority necessary to carry out the functions of the General Council Agency Office. As of this date the GCA –Treasurer is Angie Waage and the GCA Vice-Chair is Matt Mullen.

Your cooperation in these matters is greatly appreciated. Thank you,

Sincerely, Marvin Decorah Sr. –General Council Agency Chair

## Request for proposals 2010 General Council master of ceremonies/ interpreter

The General Council Agency is taking submissions for those interested in being the Master of Ceremonies (MC) for General Council held on September 18 at the HCC Convention Center. The MC acts as host until the General Council Chairperson is selected. Duties also include translating meeting and resolution summaries into the Ho-Chunk language. The MC must be fluent in reading and writing Ho-Chunk, and have the ability to translate the summaries in a fair and nonpartisan manner.

Please submit your proposals by August 15, 2010. Submit your proposal to the attention of Michelle De Cora W9814 Airport Road, Black River Falls, WI 54614. Call 715-284-9343 ext. 1075 if you have any questions.

# Wittenberg elder escapes injury a second time

Tracy Pecore  
Newsletter Editor

On July 20, a little over six months after being in a head-on collision, Ho-Chunk elder Dolly Bigjohn witnessed what 10 minutes of strong winds and sheets of rain are capable of doing to her Wittenberg hometown, the hardest hit in Shawano County. Trees in her front yard and backyard were uprooted and landed just inches away from her car. There was also some damage to her home.

According to the Wisconsin Emergency Management team, two "supercell" thunderstorms moved across central and east-central Wisconsin producing large hail and damaging winds. The storm caused numerous downed trees and power outages throughout the area as well as damage to homes, businesses

and the Wittenberg High School. Strong winds tore off part of the Wittenberg-Biramwood High School roof, allowing water to leak into the school causing damage to the computer lab, library and the floor in the gymnasium.

Like the movie Twister, there were no sirens or warnings signs and it all happened very quickly with no time to react. At the time of the storm, Dolly was in her living room with her feet up in her recliner. She had been on the phone with her daughter Miriam when the power went out, but Miriam's boyfriend Dave, or as Dolly said with a chuckle, her "Wahu warohoci" was home with her.

The power had already gone out and as Dave was looking out the big bay window in her living room he could see how strong the winds were and the

heavy rain. He said to Dolly, "Come on, get in your wheel-chair." He was going to take her downstairs for cover but because Dolly has been laid up with a broken ankle, she couldn't get her feet down off the recliner and hollered back, "I CAN'T!" The thought that ran through Dave's head at the time was to pick Dolly up, throw her over his shoulder and take her downstairs.

As Dolly sat in front of her window, she watched her trees being uprooted, flying debris from her neighbor's yard landing in her front yard, her roof uplifting, and her garage shifting off the foundation. She said, "I firmly believe in a higher power, I was not afraid. [Mauna waga naksana]."

Usually Dolly parks her car in the driveway but after getting her nails done that afternoon, she



Re-enactment of Dolly Bigjohn sitting in her recliner while the storm is taking place.



Helpers clearing fallen trees and debris to the road for pick-up. (L-R) Paul Smith, Dean Hopinka, Kenny Smith and Miriam Johnson.



Miriam Johnson stands in front of, one of many trees, which were uprooted behind Dolly's house that every kid in the neighborhood has fallen out of throughout the years.



The big tree that was uprooted must have meant to stay because after some of the trunks were cut off, it stood right back up in place.

parked her car next to the garage. Good thing, because one of the trees that uprooted landed right in the spot where her car is normally parked. It must have been her conscience telling her to park somewhere else because with the power outage, she was unable to cook or watch tv, and needed her vehicle to later drive to the casino that evening.

Dolly's daughter Miriam jokingly said, "The last time my sister Melanie picked up mom was to take her to a student banquet and there was a bad storm then. Now she took her to get her nails done and a possible tornado hit."

There were many trees that went down throughout the neighborhood but everyone is thankful that nothing else happened and everyone was okay. Although Dolly has home owner's insurance, there is no clean-up of trees. She did have a lot of help from family, friends, and neighbors to help clear her yard, and all of her grandchildren as young as 7 even helped clear brush.

Dean Hopinka, who lives down the road from Dolly was also hit with uprooted trees. Many years back, his dad had planted a maple tree and says it was sad to see it go. Although many trees went down, they were going to be reused in future teepee meetings.

## Tornado

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- calls were made.
- There was a willingness to help others. Elders brought food to the responders. The community banded together to assist those who were helping them

### What can be improved

- Not all personnel had the proper PPE
- The service and support functions needed help
- Some departments had resources available that were not used.
- The roles of management personnel were not clearly defined. Who would have authority at an incident in a community?
- How to address equipment shortages.
- Information sharing needs to be streamlined.
- An equipment inventory needs to be done.

### Suggestions for improvement

- Better access control. Community members and others need to be controlled.
- Get all responders adequate PPE.
- Upgrade the training in all areas.
- Improve the organizational structure/Authority. Decide who is in charge.
- Organize resources and personnel to better provide assistance to other neighbors, tribes, etc.
- Engage volunteers, community members, and other non-emergency personnel that will be willing to take training.

Emergency Management Coordinator Nick Flugaur stated that all the concerns will be addressed when the Storm Response meets in October.



A pile of fallen branches and brush were reminders of the July 14 tornado. The result of wind speeds ranging from 73-122 mph.



# Andrew Blackhawk American Legion Post 129 Commander recognized Ray Lopez named County Commander of the Year

John Kozlowski  
Staff Writer

During the **92nd Annual Department Convention**, held in Wausau July 14-18, the Wisconsin American Legion twice recognized Ray Lopez, Commander of the Andrew Blackhawk Legion Post 129 in Black River Falls.

In being named County Commander of the Year by State Commander Leo A. An-

dres, Ray was recognized for helping Post 129 achieving its assigned membership goal of 63 people and helping other posts in Jackson County achieve their membership goals. State Adjutant David Kurtz explained that each of the 521 Legion Posts in Wisconsin are assigned membership goals based on its past membership and that serving as County Commander, Ray

helped all the posts in Jackson County achieve a 100 percent membership rate, the first time in anyone's memory that has been done.

The Andrew Blackhawk Post is one of six American Legion Posts in Jackson County with a combined membership of approximately 1,200 members. Ray is the first Commander in the county to receive the award.



**Ray Lopez (right) was named County Commander of the Year during the American Legion State Convention. With Ray are State Membership Chairman, Jim Hying (left) and State Commander, Leo A. Endres.**

He has served as Commander of Andrew Blackhawk Post 129 for a total of eight years, including the last four. He

was recently promoted to serve as Sergeant at Arms for District 7 of the Wisconsin American Legion.

## Marine Corps Detachment being formed Once a Marine always a Marine

John Kozlowski  
Staff Writer

"To preserve the traditions, promote the interests and perpetuate the history of the United States Marine Corps," Dennis Beattie (USMC 1963-69) of Merrillan, WI is currently seeking former Marines as he looks to establish a Black River Falls Detachment (Post or Chapter) of the Marine Corps League in Wisconsin.

The Marine Corps League, one of the earliest established veteran organizations, was established in 1923 during a reunion of Marine who served in World War I. The League was chartered by an act of the United States on August 4, 1937. Membership is limited to any Marine or Fleet Marine Forces Corpsmen who has served honorably or is still on active duty. Interested individuals who are not qualified to join as regular members may be accepted as Associate Members.

Beattie, who is serving as Detachment Temporary Commander, explained that although there are approximately 42 Detachments in Wisconsin the

closet one to Black River Falls in nearly 75 miles away in Plover.

To form a Detachment, who members are willing to "carry on with honor, courage and commitment" at least 20 eligible people must sign a Charter, needed for approval by the National Marine Corps League Headquarters. Potential members need to confirm they were honorably discharged from the USMC by presenting a Discharge certificate of DD214, completing an application and paying the \$30 annual dues.

- The purpose of the Marine Core League is:
- To band together those who are now serving in the United States Marine Corps, eligible FMF Corpsmen and those who have been honorably discharged from the United States Marine Corps, together in fellowship, that they may promote the ideals of American freedom and democracy.
- To help fit its members for the duties of citizenship and to encourage them to serve ably as citizens as they have served our nation under arms,
- To hold sacred the memory and history of the men

and women who have given their lives to the nation.

- To foster love for the principles which they have supported by blood and valor since the founding of the Republic.
- To aid voluntarily and to render assistance to all Marines and FMF Corpsmen, uniformed and civilian, as well as their widows and orphans.
- To create a bond of comradeship between those in the service and those who have returned to civilian life.
- To perpetuate the history of the United States Marine Corps and by fitting acts to observe the anniversaries of historical occasions of peculiar interests to the Marines.

The next scheduled organizational meeting will be held on August 4 at 7:00 p.m. at the Andrew Blackhawk Legion Post in Black River Falls. At that time Detachment members will vote on the name they want placed on the Charter.

## Ho-Chunk Nation Division of Veterans Affairs

Submitted by  
Robert Mann, TVSO

On July 15, the Division of Veterans Affairs participated in the Military Appreciation Day at the Dane County Fair in Madison. This was the organizers second year of this event. "Last year's inaugural Military Appreciation Day was very successful, and we're thrilled to make this event even bigger in 2010. It's an honor to recognize and thank military families for their work and personal sacrifices," said Susan Orth, event coordinator.

In honor of their service all Armed Forces personnel (active, reserve, retired, and veterans) and their immediate family members all received free admission to the Fair. This exclusive trade show featured all of the resources and benefits available to military families. Operation Home Front sponsored an ice cream social. Little Caesars Pizza offered free pizza and soda for everyone. Everyone had a chance for door prizes sponsored by Operation Home Front.

The Ho-Chunk Nation Division of Veterans Affairs had a preview showing of the history of the American flag. This was a DVD that was done by the Division of Veteran Affairs in-conjunction with WWS Radio in Black River Falls and the Ho-Chunk Language Division. The DVD tells the history of the flag,



**Robert Mann, Director of Division Affairs, participates in the Military Appreciation Day at the Dane County Fair in Madison.**

how came to us and how we use it in our ceremonies. Everyone that watched it said it was interesting and they learned something from it. We also had our new display up, which tells the history of the Ho-Chunk Warrior. We got many compliments on our booth everyone said it was very educational. We look forward to next year's event.

### Military Humor What Time Is It?

On some air bases the Air Force is on one side of the field and civilian aircraft use the other side of the field, with the control tower in the middle. One day the tower received a call from an aircraft asking, "What time is it?"

The tower responded, "Who is calling?"

The aircraft replied, "What difference does it make?"

The tower replied "It makes a lot of difference. If it is an American Airlines Flight, it is 3 o'clock. If it is an Air Force, it is 1500 hours. If it is a Navy aircraft, it is 6 bells. If it is an Army aircraft, the big hand is on the 12 and the little hand is on the 3. If it is a Marine Corps aircraft, it's Thursday afternoon."

### The General's Visit

The Commanding General is supposed to visit the unit,

so, in order to appear snappy, the captain stations a private as a sentry outside the front door. "Inform me immediately upon the General's arrival," the captain orders the Private.

"Yes sir!" the Private responds.

An hour goes by, and the General hasn't arrived. Worried, the captain checks with the Sentry.

"Did the General arrive?"

"No Sir!"

Another 1/2 hour goes by and the captain, getting nervous, checks with the sentry again?

"Hasn't the General arrived yet?"

"No Sir!"

This continues for two hours. Finally, the General arrives.

"Where the hell have you been?" snapped the private. The captain's looking for you!

**HO-CHUNK NATION  
LEGISLATURE  
REGULAR MEETING  
TRIBAL OFFICE BUILDING  
BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI  
JULY 06, 2010**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by President Wilfrid Cleveland at 10:08 a.m.

**ROLL CALL:**

President Wilfrid Cleveland(P)  
Vice President Dan Brown(EX)  
Rep. Greg Blackdeer(P)  
Rep. Doug Greengrass(P)  
Rep. Clarence Pettibone(P)  
Rep. Roberta Decorah (P)  
Rep. James Greendeer (EX)  
Rep. John Holst(10:19 a.m.)  
Rep. Hope Smith(P)

Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr.(EX)  
Rep. Greg Littlejohn(P)  
Rep. Kathy LoneTree-Whiterabbit(P)  
Rep. Patrick RedEagle(EX)  
Rep. Robert TwoBears(P)

**DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:** Quorum was established at this time.

**OPENING PRAYER:** The opening prayer was offered by Rep. Greg Littlejohn.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION** by Rep. Kathy LoneTree-Whiterabbit to approve the agenda. Second by Rep. Hope Smith. 8-0-0 **Motion Carried.** *Rep. John Holst arrived at 10:19 a.m.*

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

Legislative Meeting ~ June 29, 2010

**MOTION** by Rep. Kathy LoneTree-Whiterabbit to approve the June 29, 2010 Legislative Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Hope Smith. 6-2(*Rep. Greengrass & Rep. Blackdeer*)-1(*Rep. TwoBears*) **Motion Carried.**

*Rep. Kathy LoneTree-Whiterabbit leaves the room at 10:30 a.m.*

**SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:**

*Finance Committee Meeting ~ June 30, 2010*

**MOTION** by Rep. Hope Smith to approve the June 30, 2010 Finance Committee meeting minutes with the striking of the motion to Deny the FY 10-11 Gaming Commission budget modification 1300-06.28.2010-M01 in the amount of \$8,000. Second by Rep. Clarence Pettibone. 7-0-1(*Rep. TwoBears*) **Motion Carried.** (*Rep. LoneTree-Whiterabbit was out of the room.*)

**Gaming Commission Budget Modification - Readdressed**

**MOTION** by Rep. Clarence Pettibone to approve the FY 10-11 Gaming Commission budget modification 1300-06.28.2010-M01 in the amount of \$8,000.00. Second by Rep. Hope Smith. 8-0-0 **Motion Carried.** (*Rep. LoneTree-Whiterabbit was out of the room.*)

*Rep. Kathy LoneTree-Whiterabbit returns at 10:55 a.m.*

**PRESENTATION:**

**Healing Center ~ Strollo Architects**

Strollo Architects was the firm chosen firm to work on the plan design for the Healing Center. Strollo presented the roles of the Legislative members which will provide executive oversight, reviewing assessment findings and development of master plan. Strollo also provided the project approach and comprehensive master plan elements, and the purpose of the needs assessment. Stroll's next steps include; conducting interviews and site tours, collecting data, compiling information, and scheduling workgroup meetings to continue the process. Future updates will be provided to the Development Committee. The first meeting is scheduled August 13, 2010 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Ho-Chunk Casino Convention Center.

*Rep. Roberta Decorah is excused at 11:05 a.m.*

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Wosga Leave Policy Update**

**MOTION** by Rep. Greg Blackdeer to table the Wosga Leave Policy. Second by Rep. Hope Smith. 7-1(*Rep. TwoBears*)-0 **Motion Carried.**

**Health Risk Assessment**

**MOTION** by Rep. Clarence Pettibone to refer the Health Risk Assessment to the Finance Committee. Second by Rep. Greg Littlejohn. 7-1(*Rep. TwoBears*)-0 **Motion Carried.**

**Adoption of Resolution 07-06-2010A ~Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature Per Capita Declaration for August 1, 2010 Resolution**

**MOTION** by Rep. Greg Littlejohn to adopt **Resolution 07-06-10A ~ Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature Per Capita Declaration for August 1, 2010.** Second by Rep. Kathy LoneTree-Whiterabbit. 8-0-0 **Motion Carried.**

**Adoption of Resolution ~ Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature Authorizing Acquisition and Leasing of 808 Red Iron Road, Black River Falls, Wisconsin Property 07-06-10**

**MOTION** by Rep. Greg Littlejohn to table Resolution 07-06-10 Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature Authorizing Acquisition and Leasing of 808 Red Iron Road, Black River Falls, Wisconsin Property. Second by Rep. Clarence Pettibone. 8-0-0 **Motion Carried.** **Adoption of Resolution 07-06-10B ~ Transportation Improvement Plan Resolution**

**MOTION** by Rep. Greg Littlejohn to adopt **Resolution 07-06-10B Transportation Improvement Plan.** Second by Rep. Doug Greengrass. 8-0-0 **Motion Carried.** *Rep. Clarence Pettibone leaves the room at 11:27 a.m.*

**Adoption of Resolution 07-06-10C ~ Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature Placing Proposed Tax Code (5 HCC 10) Out For Forty-Five Day Public Comment**

**MOTION** by Rep. Kathy LoneTree-Whiterabbit to adopt **Resolution 07-06-10C Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature Placing Proposed Tax Code (5 HCC 10) Out For Forty-Five Day Public Comment.** Second by Rep. Doug Greengrass 6-1(*Rep. Robert TwoBears*)-0 **Motion Carried.** (*Rep. Pettibone was out of the room.*)

**Adoption of Resolution ~Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature Contract Signature Authority**

**MOTION** by Rep. Kathy LoneTree-Whiterabbit to table Adoption of Resolution ~Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature Contract Signature Authority. Second by Rep. John Holst. 7-0-0 **Motion Carried.** (*Rep. Pettibone was out of the room.*)

**Propane Vendor Report**

**MOTION** by Rep. Doug Greengrass to deny the Ferrell Gas Contract. Second by Rep. Greg Blackdeer. **Motion Rescinded, Second concurs.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Kathy LoneTree-Whiterabbit to refer the Propane Vendor Report/Ferrell Gas Contract to the Finance Committee, have the issue addressed at District meetings, where applicable and to have the complete agreement provided to the Legislature. Second by Rep. Greg Blackdeer. 7-0-0 **Motion Carried.** (*Rep. Pettibone was out of the room.*)

**Ethics Review Board**

**Adoption of Resolution 07-06-10D ~ Confirmation of Hattie Walker as District 1 Ethics Review Board Member.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Doug Greengrass to adopt **Resolution 07-06-10D ~ Confirmation of Hattie Walker as District 1 Ethics Review Board Member.** Second by Rep. Greg Blackdeer. 7-0-0 **Motion Carried.** (*Rep. Pettibone was out of the room.*)

**Adoption of Resolution 07-06-10E ~ Confirmation of Dr. Amy Delong Dubray as District 2 Ethics review Board Member.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Kathy LoneTree-Whiterabbit to adopt **Resolution 07-06-10E ~ Confirmation of Dr. Amy Delong Dubray as District 2 Ethics Review Board Member.** Second by Rep. Robert TwoBears. 6-0-1(*Rep. Blackdeer*) **Motion Carried.** (*Rep. Pettibone was out of the room.*)

**Adoption of Resolution 07-06-10F ~ Confirmation of Karen Martin as District 2 Ethics Review Board Member.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Greg Littlejohn to adopt **Resolution 07-06-10F Confirmation of Karen Martin as District 2 Ethics Review Board Member.** Second by Rep. John Holst. 7-0-0 **Motion Carried.** (*Rep. Pettibone was out of the room.*)

**Adoption of Resolution 07-06-10G ~ Confirmation of Lenora Smith as District 3 Ethics Review Board Member.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Hope Smith to adopt **Resolution 07-06-10G ~ Confirmation of Lenora Smith as District 3 Ethics Review Board Member.** Second by Rep. Kathy LoneTree-Whiterabbit. 7-0-0 **Motion Carried.** (*Rep. Pettibone was out of the room.*)

**Adoption of Resolution 07-06-10H ~ Confirmation of Valerie Kempen as District 4 Ethics Review Board Member.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Kathy LoneTree-Whiterabbit to adopt **Resolution 07-06-10H ~ Confirmation of Valerie Kempen as District 4 Ethics Review Board Member.** Second by Rep. Hope Smith. 7-0-0 **Motion Carried.** (*Rep. Pettibone was out of the room.*)

**Adoption of Resolution 07-06-10I ~ Confirmation of Marlene Helgemo as District 5 Ethics Review Board Member.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Greg Littlejohn to adopt **Resolution 07-06-10I ~ Confirmation of Marlene Helgemo as District 5 Ethics Review Board Member.** Second by Rep. Robert TwoBears. 6-0-1(*Rep. LoneTree-Whiterabbit*) **Motion Carried.** (*Rep. Pettibone was out of the room.*)

**Ethics Review Board Confirmation Letter**

**MOTION** by Rep. Kathy LoneTree-Whiterabbit that an official Legislative correspondence letter be drafted to the newly confirmed board members of the Ethics Review Board and that the board members be

contacted for the first meeting and include a courtesy copy to the Trial Court. Second by Rep. Hope Smith. 7-0-0 **Motion Carried.** (*Rep. Pettibone was out of the room.*)

**Recess for Lunch**

**MOTION** by Rep. Greg Littlejohn to recess for lunch. Second by Rep. Kathy LoneTree-Whiterabbit. 7-0-0. **Motion Carried.** (*Rep. Pettibone was out of the room.*)

*The meeting recessed at 12:05 p.m.*

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by President Wilfrid Cleveland at 1:24 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:**

President Wilfrid Cleveland (P)  
Vice President Dan Brown(EX)  
Rep. Greg Blackdeer(P)  
Rep. Doug Greengrass(P)  
Rep. Clarence Pettibone(P)  
Rep. Roberta Decorah(P)  
Rep. James Greendeer (1:39 p.m.)  
Rep. John Holst(P)  
Rep. Hope Smith(P)  
Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr.(EX)  
Rep. Greg Littlejohn(P)  
Rep. Kathy LoneTree-Whiterabbit(1:40 p.m.)  
Rep. Patrick RedEagle(EX)  
Rep. Robert TwoBears(P)

**DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:** Quorum was established at this time.

**DISTRICT CONCERNS**

**District 1: No Requests were submitted**  
**District 2: No Requests were submitted.**  
**District 3: No Requests were submitted.**  
**District 4: No Requests were submitted.**  
**District 5: No Requests were submitted.**  
**Adoption of Resolution 7-06-10J ~ Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature authorizing acquisition and leasing of 808 Red Iron Road, Black River Falls, Wisconsin Property. Second by Rep. Clarence Pettibone. 7-0-1(Rep. Smith.) Motion Carried.**

*Rep. James Greendeer arrives at 1:39 p.m.*  
*Rep. Kathy LoneTree-Whiterabbit arrives at 1:40 p.m.*  
**Adoption of Resolution 07-06-10K ~ Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature Contract Signature Authority.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Greg Littlejohn to adopt **Resolution 07-06-10K ~ Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature Contract Signature Author-**

**ity.** Second by Rep. John Holst. 6-0-4(*Rep. LoneTree-Whiterabbit, Rep. Holst, Rep. Pettibone, & Rep. Decorah*). **Motion Carried.**

**Executive Session**

**MOTION** by Rep. Doug Greengrass to go into executive session. Second by Rep. Greg Littlejohn. 10-0-0 **Motion Carried.** *The meeting goes into executive session at 1:44 p.m.*

*Rep. Clarence Pettibone leaves the room at 5:46 p.m.*

**Open Session**

**MOTION** by Rep. Doug Greengrass to return to open session. Second by Rep. Robert TwoBears. 9-0-0 **Motion Carried.** *The meeting returns to open session at 5:51 p.m. (Rep. Pettibone was out of the room.)*

**Executive Session Ratification**

**MOTION** by Rep. Kathy LoneTree-Whiterabbit to ratify all action taken in executive session. Second by Rep. Hope Smith. 9-0-0 **Motion Carried.** (*Rep. Pettibone was out of the room.*)

**Adoption of Resolution 07-06-10L ~ Authorization to Enter into Agreements with the United States Environmental Protection Agency and Provide a 25% In-Kind Match for the Radon Risk Reduction Grant Application.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Clarence Pettibone to adopt **Resolution 07-06-10L ~ Authorization to Enter into Agreements with the United States Environmental Protection Agency and Provide a 25% In-Kind Match for the Radon Risk Reduction Grant Application.** Second by Rep. Robert TwoBears. 9-0-0 **Motion Carried.** (*Rep. Pettibone was out of the room.*)

**District 4 Request**

**MOTION** by Rep. Kathy LoneTree-Whiterabbit to deny to request for Janet Trudel and refer to Tribal Court to access to Children's Trust Fund. Second by Rep. Greg Littlejohn. 9-0-0 **Motion Carried.** (*Rep. Pettibone was out of the room.*)

**Adjournment**

**MOTION** by Rep. Greg Littlejohn to adjourn the meeting until July 20, 2010. The meeting is to be held at the Tribal Office Building in Black River Falls, WI. Second by Rep. John Holst. 9-0-0 **Motion Carried.** (*Rep. Pettibone was out of the room.*)

*The meeting adjourned at 5:56 p.m.*

Respectfully Submitted by,  
Hope B. Smith, Tribal Secretary  
Darcy Funmaker, Recording Secretary

**SUMMONS**

(First Publication)

**IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT**

**Ho-Chunk Nation Dep't. of Business, Petitioner, v. Janet Muir, Respondent.**

Case : CV 10-57

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT: Janet Muir

You are hereby informed that you have been named a defendant in the above-entitled civil lawsuit. This legal notice of the *Complaint* is now served upon you by publication. Your written *Answer* to the *Complaint* must be filed with the Court on or before the twentieth day from the date of the published issuance of this *Summons* in . See *Ho-Chunk Nation Rules of Civil Procedure*, Rules 5(C)(1)(G), 6(A). Also, you must send or present a copy of your *Answer* to the opposing party listed above or to their attorney of record. Failure to file a timely *Answer* in the time allowed can result in a default judgment being entered against you. *Id.*, Rule 54.

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**SUMMONS**

(First Publication)

**IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT**

**Heather Green, Petitioner, v. Edward W. Cloud, Respondent.**

Case : CS 10-22

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT: Edward W. Cloud

You are hereby informed that you have been named a respondent in the above-entitled civil lawsuit. This legal notice of the *Petition to Register & Enforce a Foreign Judgment or Order* is now served upon you by publication. Your written *Answer* to the *Petition* must be filed with the Court on or before the twentieth day from the date of the second published issuance of this *Summons*. You may request a hearing within your written response. See RECOGNITION OF FOREIGN CHILD SUPPORT ORDERS ORDINANCE, 4 HCC § 2.5. Also, you must send or present a copy of your *Answer* to the opposing party listed above or to their attorney of record. Failure to file a timely *Answer* in the time allowed can affect your right to object to the enforcement of the foreign judgment or order. *Id.*, § 2.6c.

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**SUMMONS**

(First Publication)

**IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT**

**Joseph Holmes, Petitioner, v. Elizabeth Eades, Respondent.**

Case : CS 10-26

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT: Elizabeth Eades

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# Legislature reconsiders health insurance changes

John Kozlowski  
Staff Writer

For a number of reasons the planned changes to the Nation's insurance coverage for its employees scheduled to take place on July 1 did not occur.

Changes to the coverage that was initially expected to save the Nation an estimated \$3-6 million annually included increased deductibles that employees could reduce by voluntary participation in a Health Risk Assessment

(HRA). Selected as a means of preventive medicine, the HRA included each volunteer submitting a blood sample.

As employees began participating in the HRA in May, concerns brought up by Dr. Ben Boardman, a physician at the Ho-Chunk Health Clinic in Black River Falls, brought the process to a halt.

Boardman's concerns included how the blood collected for the HRA would be handled and disposed of and how future staffing issues at

the Health Clinic would be addressed.

The testing was scheduled to be done by International Health Solutions, also charged with destroying the blood samples. Though the details are confidential, International Health Solutions officials have assured the Legislature that the samples will be destroyed after results of the testing is known and will not be used for any other purposes.

Knowing that after taking the HRA, some people would become aware of a previously unknown medical problem, Boardman feared that the current staff levels at the clinic could not handle the anticipated increase in people seeking medical advice. That problem has not been addressed.

Along with issues raised by Boardman, Rep. Greg Littlejohn stated the Finance Committee is currently assessing the cost of the testing, evalu-

ating the cost verses reward aspects of the program.

As of July 27, the matter remains unresolved though it is expected to be reviewed by the Finance Committee. Consultants to the Nation's insurance program stated that if approved, the HRA would likely resume in late September. Proposed changes to the insurance coverage would likely not occur before January 1, 2011.

## Representatives visit Milwaukee

John Kozlowski  
Staff Writer

Representatives from throughout the Ho-Chunk Nation's Executive Branches traveled to the Milwaukee Branch Office on July 21 in an effort to inform area members of the programs and services available to all tribal members.

As of January 10, 2010 there were 365 enrolled Ho-Chunks living in Milwaukee County and as part of "Resource Day" representatives from OOP, Insurance, Administration, Fleet, Education,

Social Services, HHCA, Veterans' Affairs, Health and the House of Wellness were on hand to answer questions throughout the day.

In addition to serving as the site for Area Meetings, the Branch Office serves a Youth Learning Center and a classroom for learners of all ages studying the Hocak Language.

Home School Coordinator Susan Brockhaus stated that during the school year approximately 40 students (K-12) visit the center each week.

Transportation is provided from school and back home to students living within a 15 mile radius of the south side site.

Throughout the year, Language Instructor Pat Schultz conducts classes for both youth and adult groups.

While area tribal members do not have direct access to some Ho-Chunk services available to members in other areas, the Nation works with organizations in the area that provide services specifically to Native people.



The Milwaukee Area Branch Office.



The Milwaukee Branch Office welcomes adults and youth to learn the Hocak Language.

### SUMMONS (First Publication) IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

State of WI, Petitioner, v. Anthony J. Gauthier, Respondent.  
Case : CS 10-25

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT: Anthony J. Gauthier

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### SUMMONS (Second Publication) IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

Charlene Spangler, Petitioner, v. Carey A. Link, Respondent.  
Case : CS 10-24

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT: Carey A. Link

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### SUMMONS (First Publication) IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

Melissa Marg, Petitioner, v. Norman Snake Jr., Respondent.  
Case : CS 10-28

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT: Norman Snake Jr.

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### SUMMONS (Second Publication) IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

State of WI, on behalf of Lisa Routolo, Petitioner, v. Joseph Cholka, Respondent.  
Case : CS 10-19

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT: Joseph Cholka

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Department of Education

# Pre K-12 Grant Program Reminder!!

The Pre K-12 Grant Program wants to remind you that any funds that are disbursed through the Pre K-12 Grant Program **MUST** be used for the purpose stated in your application.

Every application has the following certification that must be signed before we can begin processing your request. Please note that you are agreeing to pay back any funds that are not used for the purposes you state in your application. The specific certification is printed below:

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (print name) declare that the information provided by me on this application is true, correct and complete to the best of my knowledge and that if granted assistance I will use the funding only for educational purposes. **I understand that I will be requested to repay, through legal means, all or a portion of the assistance granted if the funds are not used for the stated purpose.**

In an effort to ensure that program funds are being used in the manner for which they were disbursed, you may be requested to provide a reconciliation or proof of purchase for funds that are disbursed for payment if the vendor provides goods or services beyond what your application is requesting. For example, if you are requesting to purchase a computer from Best Buy or Wal-Mart, you may be asked to provide a proof of purchase or receipt for the purchase of the stated items.

Due to recent concerns that have been brought to our attention, we will be more closely monitoring the applicant's use of funds. We will investigate any allegations of misuse or abuse of our program and any applicants found to have abused this program will no longer be eligible for benefits through the Pre K-12 Grant Program and will have to repay any misappropriated funds.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact The Pre K-12 Staff at (715) 284-4915 OR (800) 362-4476. You can reach us on via the web at [www.ho-chunknation.com/forms](http://www.ho-chunknation.com/forms) under Education.

Pre K-12 Staff: Melissa Lowe, Jackie Rave and Nyree Kedrowski



## Come on out for a day of fun at the Family Olympics!



**When are they? Saturday, August 28<sup>th</sup> at Lunda Park in Black River Falls!**

**What will we do? You and your family can sign up for many activities and win a medal in events such as: Three legged race, free throw contest, spoon race, obstacle course, trike races and a kickball tournament.**

**What time: Registration for your events will take place from 9:00 to 9:30. Lunch will be available for those in attendance from 12:30-1:30. Snacks and water will be available throughout the day. We plan to be done at about 4:30. Hope to see you out there for this fun family event!**

**We are requiring a pre-registration for this event to help us with meal planning. Just call Kathleen Clemons at 888-685-4422, ext. 5308 and let me know how many will be in your party. If I am not in, please leave a message on my phone. Please RSVP by Wednesday, August 18<sup>th</sup>.**







## **SOCCER CLINIC Boys & Girls**

Sponsored by the Potawatomi Foundation

**Date:** August 10th, 2010

**Location:** **Oneida Ball field**

**Time:** **10am—3pm**

**(Site I Ball Diamond)**

**Ages:** **13-19**

Especially for those interested in trying out for the Indigenous Games.

Registration Deadline: Aug. 10th

Age Groups: Bantam.....13-14 Midget.....15-16 Juvenile.....17-18-19  
Your age on December 31st, 2010, will determine the age category you will compete in for the 2011 Indigenous Games.

## ► **TRY-OUTS** **TRY-OUTS** ◀ **Indigenous Games Boys Baseball**

### **BOYS BASEBALL TRY-OUT**

**Date:** August 7th, 2010

**Time:** **10:30am—1:00pm**

**Location:** **Menominee High School, Keshena, WI**

**Ages:** **13—19**

Sponsored by the Potawatomi Foundation

Registration Deadline: Aug. 6th

Your age on December 31st, 2010, will determine the age category you will compete in for the 2011 Indigenous Games.

Age Brackets:

Bantams....13-14 Midgets....15-16 Juveniles....17-18-19

Catchers bring your own catcher's gear. Everyone bring cleats, tennie shoes, glove, helmet.

## ► **TRY-OUTS** **TRY-OUTS** ◀ **Indigenous Games Girls Softball**

Sponsored by the  
Potawatomi Foundation

Registration Deadline: Aug. 18th

**Date:** August 21st & 22nd, 2010 (Scheduled according to age brackets.)

August 21st 9am—12noon.....Bantams

August 21st 1pm—4pm.....Midgets

August 22nd 11am—2pm.....Juveniles

**Location:** **Site I Ball Diamond (Oneida Ballfield), Oneida WI.**

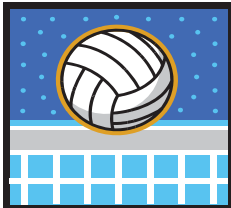
(If rain then Norbert Hill Center Gymnasium, N7210 Seminary Road Oneida WI 54155)

Your age on December 31st, 2010, will determine the age category you will compete in for the 2011 Indigenous Games.

Age Brackets:

Bantams....13-14 Midgets....15-16 Juveniles....17-18-19

Catchers bring your own catcher's gear. Everyone bring cleats, tennie shoes, glove, helmet.



## **VOLLEYBALL GIRLS CLINIC**

Sponsored by the  
Potawatomi Foundation

Registration Deadline: Aug. 9th

**Date:** August 11th, 2010

**Location:** **Oneida Fitness Ctr.**

**Time:** **10am—3pm**

**2640 West Point Rd**

**Ages:** **13—19**

**Green Bay WI 54304**

Especially for those interested in trying out for the Indigenous Games.

Age Groups: Bantam.....13-14 Midget.....15-16 Juvenile.....17-18-19  
Your age on December 31st, 2010, will determine the age category you will compete in for the 2011 Indigenous Games.

**If anyone is interested, the following form needs to be filled out.**

Drop off this registration form at the Oneida Fitness Center for Lori Hill or Scott Murray.

OR email to lhill4@oneidanation.org OR Fax to 920.490.3814. Contact Lori Hill at 920.490.3803 or lhill4@oneidanation.org

We, as parents, agree to and understand that attending the activities provided on this day is a privilege. By signing this registration form, we support no tolerance for violence, drugs, alcohol and disrespect of staff as well as peers.

Participant Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Tribal Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name & Contact Phone during clinic: \_\_\_\_\_

Hold Harmless Agreement: I and my heirs hereby release the Oneida Nation and all its employees, officers, departments, Enterprises and agents from any liability for damages to or loss of personal property, sickness, and injury from whatever source, legal entanglement, imprisonment, death, loss of money, etc. for which the Oneida Tribe is not culpable, which might occur while participating in the above mentioned activity.

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# 1st Annual House of Wellness 2 Person Scramble Golf Tournament

**\$45 per person**  
**Door prizes and Awards**  
**Food and drinks not included**

**Tournament open to**  
**House of Wellness Members**  
**Ho-Chunk Nation Employees**  
**And Members of Other Tribes**



**1st Place—\$400**  
**2nd Place—\$350**  
**3rd Place—\$300**  
**4th Place—\$250**  
**5th Place—\$100**  
**6th Place—\$100**

**Tournament location**  
**Reedsburg Country Club**  
**Reedsburg, WI**  
**Registration 7:00-7:30am**  
**Pre-Registration call Scott**  
**608-355-1240 ext 5579**

## 8:00 AM Saturday, August 14, 2010

House of Wellness Fitness  
& Aquatic Center  
52845 White Eagle Road  
Baraboo, WI 53913





For more information contact  
Scott Gilbeck at the HOW  
888 552-7889 or 355-1240  
Ext. 5579

### HCN DEPARTMENT OF HERITAGE PRESERVATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

If you are interested in serving on the Board of Directors of the Ho-Chunk Department of Heritage Preservation, please send a letter of interest and your resume to:

Board of Directors Membership  
Ho-Chunk Department of Heritage Preservation  
P.O. Box 667  
Black River Falls, WI 54615

The Department of Heritage Preservation Establishment and Organization Act of 2001 (March 7, 2001) provides that the Department shall have a board consisting of five (5) members selected by the Executive Director and approved by the President and Legislature. A director shall not be an employee of the Department of Heritage Preservation. A director shall not be a member of more than two (2) department Boards of Directors. A director shall not be appointed nor serve as a member of a subordinate advisory board within the Department of Heritage Preservation.

Accordingly, this is to request applications from Ho-Chunk Nation citizens to fill the Board of Director positions. Please submit your name to be considered for membership of the Board of Directors, Ho-Chunk Department of Heritage Preservation.

The Act further provides:

Directors shall have the requisite skills, knowledge, and education to provide professional and expert advice and recommendations to the Executive Director.

The Board of Directors shall serve in an advisory capacity on matters referred by the Executive Director. The Board shall not be a policy making body. The Board shall be involved in the Department's strategic planning.

Directors shall serve two (2) year terms and may serve for more than one (1) term. The terms shall be alternated so that two (2) Directors are appointed or re-appointed after the first year and every two (2) years thereafter and three (3) Directors are appointed/re-appointed in the alternate years.

Directors shall be compensated for attendance at Board Meetings at a rate established by the Legislature.

The Directors shall be subject to the Nation's law regarding nepotism and conflicts of interest.

### HO-CHUNK NATION SUPREME COURT MEETING NOTICE and AGENDA

*Saturday, August 7, 2010*

HCN Tribal Court Building,  
W9598 HWY 54 E  
Black River Falls, WI

### The Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution Reform Task Force (HCRTF)

Cordially Invites  
All Ho-Chunk Enrolled Tribal  
Members

To a  
**Public Forum**  
**For the**  
**Ho-Chunk Nation's**  
**Constitution**

**Saturday August 28th 2010**  
**9 am to noon**

Main Ballroom  
Ho-Chunk Casino, Hotel, Bingo  
and Convention Center

In time for per cap

## For Sale

**"Cha - Ha"**  
**(Smoked Brain**  
**Tanned Deer Hide)**

William Goodbear  
(715) 896-2326

### Wisconsin Dells, WI — Pow-wow

AUG. 13, 14 & 15, 2010

GRAND ENTRY: FRI. 7PM, SAT. 3PM, SUN 1PM

#### Drum Contest

Bring your own chairs

1st—\$6000

2nd—\$5000

3rd—\$4000

4th—\$3000

5th—\$2000

#### Dance Categories

Jr. Adult, Sr. Adult & Golden Age (55 & up)

\$1000 \$700 \$400 \$300 \$100

18 & up Women/Mens Southern, Applique

\$1000 \$700 \$400 \$300 \$100

Traditional, Fancy, Grass, Jingle & Applique

Teens —\$400, \$300, \$200, \$100, \$75

Jr's —\$200, \$150, \$100, \$75, \$50

Tiny Tots—Day Money

DAILY PASS \$5 WEEKEND \$10

MUST SHOW HO-CHUNK ID FOR FREE ADMISSION

VENDOR CONTACT: 800-746-2486 EXT. 7865—BERT

POW-WOW CHAIRPERSON: JERRY CLEVELAND JR

608-355-9608

HOUSE OF WELLNESS 3 ON 3 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT & 2 PERSON SCRAMBLE GOLF TOURNAMENT

BOTH EVENTS SATURDAY AUG. 14—CASH PRIZES

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT—SCOTT @ 888-552-7889 EXT. 5506

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Attention Race Fans

### 3rd Annual Memorial Race in Honor of Darus Pettibone

will be held on  
Saturday, July 31, 2010 at  
La Crosse Motor Speedway

Given by his family and friends

1st Place - \$500 plus trophy  
Sportsman Division

Everyone welcome!

Thank you

Team 82 and Team 87



## We're Havin' a Rodeo!!

### Bike Rodeo

Fun, Games,  
Prizes, and  
Food!!



#### What is a Bike Rodeo?

This is a great way for kids to learn about bicycle safety. There will be games, prizes, bike ride around the community, and snack provided. Bike helmet fitting! Please bring your bike helmet if you have one.



**When:**  
August 10, 2010 (10:00-12:00 pm)

**Where:**  
Blue Wing Community Building Tomah

**Who:** Children ages 6 and up

**For more information please contact:**

Pam Thunder at the Central Health Office: 1-715-284-9851 ext 5011  
Ho-Chunk Nation Division of Health and the  
Monroe County Sheriff's Department.

## Wittenberg Health Fair

There will be a Health Fair held at the Wittenberg Health Office on  
Friday August 3 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Along with informational booths there will be a car seat check and  
the mobile mammography bus will be on hand.

To schedule a mammogram call Siga Funmaker at 715-253-2382



## HO-CHUNK NATION'S 13th Annual All Nations Co-Ed Softball Tournament

**Saturday & Sunday, September 4-5, 2010**  
**Sand Pillow Softball Fields, Black River Falls**

**(4 mi. East of BRF on Hwy 54, just NE of Casino)**

**Double Elimination**

**16 Team Limit**

**\$400 Entry Fee**

**1st Place 4,500.00**

**2nd Place 3,500.00**

**3rd Place 2,500.00**

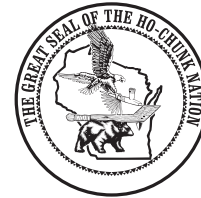
**4th Place 1,500.00**

**5th Place 1,000.00**

**6th Place 500**

**Team traveling the furthest 500.00**

**Second furthest team 250.00**



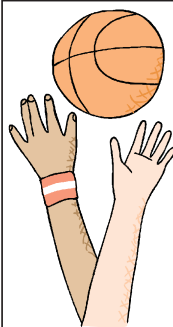
All entry fees must be received by August 30  
schedule will be randomly drawn on August 31  
Players must have Tribal I.D.s

For rules and information call 1-800-294-9343

Kelley Thundercloud: ext. 1270 or Kelley.thundercloud@ho-chunk.com  
Lisa Flick: 715-299-5317 or Lisa.flick@ho-chunk.com

**Absolutely  
no Alcohol or  
drugs permitted.  
Not responsible  
for injuries,  
lost or  
stolen items**

Visit the Ho-Chunk Nation Online at [www.ho-chunknation.com](http://www.ho-chunknation.com)



## 2010 District I Community Center

### Inaugural "Who's Got Game"

#### One on One Basketball Tournament

**Saturday Morning, August 14, 2010 – 9:00 AM**

**Who's the best player in the BRF**

**Community?**

**Simon?**

**Jordan?**

**Wesley? Kric? Josiah?**

**Elan? Robert? Lloyd?**

The Tournament Champion's  
name will be engraved on a  
Trophy Plaque to be kept at the  
District I Community Center,  
**FOREVER...**

**Rules are as follows:**

**This is a Double Elimination Tournament.**

**Games will go to 30 Points.**

**Each Player is allowed one timeout per Game.**

**Names for the tournament will be drawn at random.**

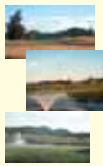




## 16th Annual Ken Littlegeorge, Sr. Golf Memorial



Sunday, August 22, 2010



Trempealeau Mountain  
Golf Course  
Trempealeau, WI  
608.534.7417

Registration Time: 7:30-9:00am  
\*\*Shotgun Start: 9:30am\*\*

Cost: \$55 Includes 18 holes of golf, cart, skins, and dinner after tournament play

For More Info Contact:  
Ken Littlegeorge, Jr at 608.377.2434 or  
Roger Littlegeorge at 715.299.6366



## LIL SKENANDORE GOLF MEMORIAL

**DATE:** Sunday – August 1, 2010

**TIME:** 7:15-8:30am – Registration  
9:00am – *Shot Gun Start*

**PLACE:** Skyline Golf Course  
Black River Falls

**COST:** \$55

**To Sponsor a \$40 Flag Event:**  
DeeDee Greendeer  
(715) 299-1558

**For More Information:**  
C-Ann Cleveland (608)372-9425  
Joan Greendeer Lee (608)387-0284

*\$55 includes 18 holes of golf, cart, one drink ticket, Skins Game, and a steak dinner afterwards.*



## Cancer Special Speaking Support Circle

The 4th Wednesday afternoon  
each month

2:00-3:30pm.

Tribal Aging Unit  
E8863 Winneshiek Lane  
WI Dells, WI 53965  
Survivors, Families, Friends & Caregivers

For information contact:  
Renee Bradford – 1-888-552-7889 ext. 5548

## District 1 Community Center

You are invited to join Romasja Ki (In Shape Club)

Formerly known as 'Frybreaders'

Beginning Sign-up Date: **July 28, 2010**

Last Chance Sign-up Date: **August 18, 2010**

Last Weigh-In Date: **December 15, 2010**

Program will be running for 20 Weeks



Men's & Women's Categories depending on participation

**All participants must do a body mass analysis**

Target Date: **December 15, 2010**

Beginner's Fee: \$15.00

Weigh in time will be every **Wednesday** at the  
Surrounding offices. Community Center 7:50-  
8:15, Tribal Court 8:25-8:35, Commod Bldg.: 8:40-8:50,  
AODA Svcs. 8:55-9:05 AM, Social Svcs. 9:10-9:20 AM,  
Executive Bldg. 9:35- 10:15 AM, and HC Health Clinic  
10:20-10:35 AM, and anytime after that  
at the District 1 Community Center.

**If you haven't weighed  
in by 5:00 p.m. Wednesdays,  
The fine is \$1.00!!!**

### Rules

For each pound you gain – You pay \$1.00.

If weight stays the same – You Pay \$1.00.

Any weight lost will not have to pay.

Only 5 Excused absences will be allowed/ Reason must be Good!

If you lose at least 10 pounds of your starting weight, you will get back your  
\$15.00 entry fee. The fine for quitting is \$10.00

\*Last day of weigh in, you **MUST** weigh in on or a week before **December 15, 2010** for your  
\$15.00 back, **NO EXCEPTIONS!!!**

Any questions contact: Randy Blackdeer or Sara Dobbs at the  
Community Center (715) 284-0905.



## Margarita Hernandez-White

### National American Miss Pageant

Madison, July 10-11

57 girls in teen division  
- only WI

Top 10 contestants  
Won 8 awards out of  
a possible 10  
- Best Actress  
- Best Resume  
- Spirit of Am. Award  
(grades, activities,  
and community activities)  
- State finalist for Natl. Am.  
Miss Pageant  
- 3rd runner up for  
Casual Wear  
- 2nd runner up for  
top model  
- Photogenic and  
portfolio award

Congratulations to the  
most beautiful daughter  
anyone could ask for.

Proud parents,  
Kathy S. White &  
Francisco Hernandez,  
and family.

We love you.  
Keep up the  
good work,  
we wish you  
the best  
in the  
future  
with  
your  
modeling  
career.



## Happy 6th Birthday Masu Piga (Good Feather)

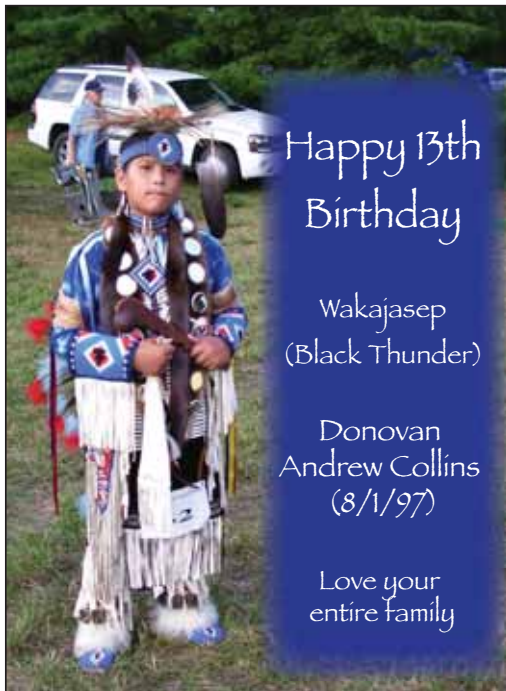
Gracelyn  
Swan Collins  
(8-10-04)

Love, your entire family



## HAPPY BELATED BIRTHDAY!

To my nephew,  
**Jason Youngthunder (JY)**  
Love you a bunch,  
Your Nani (Anna)



## Happy 13th Birthday

Wakajasep  
(Black Thunder)

Donovan  
Andrew Collins  
(8/1/97)

Love your  
entire family

## Thank You

I would like to say thank you to the Ho-Chunk Nation for their generous donation. My sister Cindy Gilbertson requested a benefit that my family and friends set up. I was diagnosed with Pancreatic cancer and the donations will help defray cost on my medical bills. It is so much appreciated

Thank you,  
Diane Koebler & family



## Important Winnebago Kids

There is a story about a successful business man who was talking to his business partners. He told them "when I was a really young kid we were very poor, I mean dirt poor, we never had what other people had there were times when there was nothing to eat. I was always wishing for things that other kids had and I would never have. I was facing all the negative things in being poor. There was nothing to look forward to each day but there this one person in my life who did something for me. One day this person started telling me, everyday, that I was important!" I heard it so much I started to believe it. It wasn't long before I knew I was important. Hocak kids must hear this every day. "Hey kid remember you are important." It takes no more than three seconds for each kid, this will help them to deal with many negatives in their lives and have positive outcomes.

Thanks,  
Pat Greyhair - MA XI SKA GAH



Barbara



Barbara Kmetz graduated from Tomah High School on June 4, 2010. She will be attending WTC in LaCrosse for nursing, and plans to be a pediatrician.

# The life of a teenage paraplegic

Tracy Pecore  
Newsletter Editor

On September 9, 2005, almost five years ago, Grayson Hereid who was 10 years old at the time, became paralyzed from a sudden and violent car accident while on her way to Indian summer with her mom and sister, suffering from an injury to her spine. They were hit by a drunk driver and their vehicle rolled several times before coming to a complete stop. Since then, Hereid has been a paraplegic but has learned not only to survive, but to enjoy life as it is.

Prior to becoming a paraplegic, Hereid was an accomplished ballet dancer, a Ho-Chunk appliqué dancer, a published poet with the Children's Press, and has had artwork in every major museum in Wisconsin.

**Grayson's story:** While on interstate 90-94 just outside of New Lisbon, headed to Milwaukee, Grayson's mother (Wendi Huling) noticed a fifth wheel truck in front of her that would slow down, speed up, and go over the center lane at times. Other drivers on the road were passing so Wendi decided to pass when the driver went over the line into her lane, running into the side of her SUV, which nudged her vehicle enough to flip over and over again. Everything happened within seconds and severity of the truck rolling turned the vehicle completely around facing back west towards Black River Falls. Wendi remembers the windshield shattering and all she could do was shut her eyes to avoid the glass and pray that everyone would be okay. The next thing she heard was her henu screaming and saying, "Oh my God, Momma Baby came out of the buckle, I got her Momma, I can't hold on. Oh, God Momma Baby went out the window!"

*With so much going on, she was unable to hold on to her and she lost her grip.*

*Huling said when she saw her daughter laying in the ditch she looked like an angel with her red hair sprawled out laying on a bed of sweetgrass. Within seconds, there was help. Travelling behind her was an off-duty Dane County Sheriff, who always carries his radio with him who called for help as soon as he saw the SUV rolling, and three medics on their way to Fort Douglas to be deployed to Iraq. Grayson was med flighted to Gundersen Lutheran in La Crosse where she spent the next five months with relatives by her side every day. She went through 19 different surgeries and has titanium rods and braces maintaining her spinal cord from the neck down to her midwaist.*

Grayson then spent six weeks at Shriner's Hospital for Children, in Chicago which specializes in children with spinal cord and head injuries learning how to cope and deal with a whole new way of life. Although she does not remember much about the accident, she does remember before the accident and being in the ditch. Having been wheelchair bound for the past 5 years, she does not quite remember walking or what it feels like, but has stayed active to reach the goal of hoping to walk again someday. She says, "No pain, no gain."

Now, 15 years old, Grayson Riane Hereid, is proud to say she has climbed a 64 foot tall tree and is a certified scuba diver. She also played hockey with a coach of the Stanley Cup, Blackhawks, whom is an amputee and basketball player with the Chicago Bulls Par Olympian team. Also trying her hand at archery after receiving a bronze medal at a Spinal



Grayson Hereid enjoying what any other 15 year old kid would enjoy at a summer camp: golfing, canoeing, softball, hockey, tree climbing, and archery.

Cord Injury Camp for Par Olympian athletes she attended in Chicago, June 23-28, 2010.

Grayson has attended several camps through Shriner's Hospitals, where she has received the nickname "Hollywood" because of her red hair and sassy attitude, to help her cope with everyday stresses. She is looking at getting a new wheelchair capable to play sports such as tennis, softball, and basketball. "I have always liked basketball because it reminds me of baseball in a way, to be able to take out a lot of anger and frustration." She has a wheelchair bike on its way from Germany so she can enjoy bike riding once again.

Grayson will be a sophomore at the Black River Falls High School and says after high school graduation, she plans to attend UW-Madison or MATC for Art or possibly Culinary Arts to own her own bakery. She's learned she can do anything as long as she puts her mind to it, just like everyone else, just in a different way.

Grayson would like to extend a heartfelt Thank You to President, Wilfrid Cleveland and Presidential Aide Jeriah Rave for their continued support in assisting Grayson's Mom, Wendi, in transporting Grayson to and from Chicago for her continued medical care and participation in her athletic endeavors.



## Introducing Ho-Chunk Nation Youth Workers

Submitted by  
Waverly Bird, Youth Worker

### Shane Nicholas

Shane Nicholas is going to be a freshman this year at the Black River Falls High School and it's his first year as a youth worker. He is currently located with the Food Distribution Department under the supervision of Andrew Rave. Specific job responsibilities include picking up boxes of cans and transferring them to other facilities, and other duties as assigned. "I like it because it gives me a workout," said Shane. He didn't exactly choose to participate in the youth worker program until his mom, Mary Bird, told him about getting a paycheck. Even though he is getting good experience, he doesn't exactly see himself working in the food department, so it's just a summer job for him to earn a little extra cash.



Shane Nicholas carrying a box of cans.



Adam Decorah moving a copying machine to a different location.

### Adam Decorah

Adam Decorah is going to be a senior this school year at the Black River Falls High School and is currently working for the IT department under the supervision of Patrick Hall. Adam said, "In the IT department as a youth worker you don't do much but you do get the opportunity to do a lot of computer work." Being a veteran to the youth worker program, he chose the IT Department this year because it is a good experience. He does see himself doing in that sort of field in the future. "It's a cool, new, and a fun experience."